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Re: Utility Application Serial No. 09/421,106
Filed: October 15, 1999
Inventor: Joseph R. BYRUM
For: Nucleic Acid Molecules and Other Molecules Associated with Plants
Atty. Ref.: 04983.0119.US01/38-21(15598)B

Sir:

The following documents are forwarded herewith for appropriate action by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement;
2. Form PTO-1449 (4 pages), with 26 accompanying documents; and
3. Return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the filing date of these documents and returned to our courier.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. If extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 other than those otherwise provided for herewith are required to prevent abandonment of the present patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby requested, and any fees therefor are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038. A duplicate copy of this letter is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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Enclosures

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Information Disclosure Statement

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The attention of the Examiner is invited to the documents listed on the attached Form PTO-1449. Copies of the listed documents are attached.

It is respectfully requested that the information above be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

CERTIFICATION AND/OR FEE

Since this Information Disclosure Statement is being submitted prior to issuance of the first action on the merits of the above-captioned application, no certification or fee is required.

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